MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: One Joshua Johnson of Eravipuram.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: പിന്നോക്ക സമുദായക്കാരിൽ ആർക്കെ ങ്കിലും ലൈസൻസ് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയാമോ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I claim notice.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know from the honourable member whether the Textile Commissioner has given quota to any merchant in Kunnathunad taluk whose name was recommended by the taluk authorities?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I have no information.

Textile retail licensees.

352. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the difficulties experienced by the Textile Retail licensees in the matter of obtaining piece goods have come to the notice of Government; if so what action has been taken?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No.

Renewal of textile licences.

353. * MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of textile licences pending renewal with the Commissioner of Textiles, since last year?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: 225.

MR. P. C. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member why these 225 applications for renewal are pending for nearly one year in the office of the Textile Commissioner?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: There are certain defects which have to be cured in respect of these applications. In some cases, the licensees have not given their chalan receipts in proper time. Another thing is that those who have had licences in 1119 discontinued in 1120, but have applied in 1121 without any reason having been assigned why there was discontinuance in 1120. Such cases have to be investigated. So reports have been called for from the Tahsildar and other people concerned. Action is being taken on every such application for which licences have not been renewed.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI; May I know from the honourable member the average time taken by the Tahsildar to send a report?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I cannot tell that.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know from the honourable member whether the renewal can be made for more than one year if they remit the amount?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the honourable member is aware of instances where licensees asked for ordinary licences and have been issued hawkers' licences?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I have no information.

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